



CECIL COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	455	510	468
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	176	169	165
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	80,241	86,419	77,089
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	11,253	10,251	9,113
<i>Hogs</i>	2,644	4,212	²
<i>Sheep</i>	1,729	1,499	1,732
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			68,612
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			²
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			²
<i>Horses (\$1,000)</i>			6,747
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	55.9	56.0	57.3
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	16.7	15.1	13.0
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			900
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			6,580
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$68,345,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	10	<i>Soybeans</i>	12
<i>Barley</i>	8	<i>Vegetables</i>	21
<i>Forage</i>	9	<i>Wheat</i>	8

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	8	<i>Milk Cows</i>	7
<i>Broilers</i>	9	<i>Sheep</i>	5
<i>Hogs</i>	3		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	17,500	119.0	2,082,000
	2004	19,500	145.4	2,836,100
	2005	17,300	150.2	2,597,600
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	2,200	15.6	34,400
	2004	3,300	20.8	68,500
	2005	3,400	15.2	51,800
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	17,100	39.4	674,000
	2004	19,500	42.8	835,500
	2005	17,400	37.4	650,600
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	5,500	39.3	216,200
	2004	6,700	53.5	358,690
	2005	4,600	70.2	322,900
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	7,400	3.1	23,300
	2004	8,500	3.3	28,400
	2005	7,600	2.7	20,700
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	1,800	59.1	106,400
	2004	1,900	71.3	135,500
	2005	2,000	78.5	156,900

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$61.74	\$71.52	\$72.31

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